

EAST GALLATIN RECREATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region Three, Bozeman
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Proposed Action

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to implement site improvements to the East Gallatin Recreation Area, located on the north side of Bozeman. The Sunrise Rotary Service Club of Bozeman will make site improvements. Improvement will include water and sewer service for a new restroom, expanding the existing beach area, constructing an additional, larger picnic pavilion, expanding grassy areas and other recreational/aesthetic features, paving the entrance road, and providing additional parking areas.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on May 14, 2007.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken for 30 days (through May 31, 2007). The EA was mailed to 27 individuals and groups; legal notices were printed in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, and the *Helena Independent Record*; and the Draft EA was posted on the FWP webpage: <http://fwp.mt.gov/publicnotices/>

Summary of Public Comment

No comments were received on the proposal.

Final Environmental Assessment for the East Gallatin Recreation Area Site Improvements Proposal

There are no modifications necessary to the Draft Environmental Assessment based on public comment. The Draft Environmental Assessment, together with this Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal.

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and the need for providing the stated improvements at the East Gallatin Recreation Area Site, it is my decision to proceed with the improvement project.

I find there to be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project, other than the expansion of this facility and the increased accommodation of the recreating public. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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